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Western imports would make it possible to complete the long distance gas pipe line from VEB Grosskokererei (large coke works),lauchhammer, to Goerlitz in late 1953 and, upon the execution of this project, to put into operation a forging press scheduled to be built in Goerlitz.

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[redacted] 100,000,000 eastmarks earmarked in the 1954 investment plan for the erection of 16 oven units at the Lauchhammer coke works had been cancelled.

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Comment. The forging press mentioned is located at the VEB Maschinen und Turbinen Fabrik (machine and turbine factory) (BEM) in Goerlitz.

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